



A new greenspace for Descanso Gardens

Learn more about the Oak Woodland at a public meeting Oct. 16

Descanso Gardens is planning to open its first major garden project in almost 20 years with a 4-acre installation that pays tribute to the native landscape of the Verdugos. The public is invited to learn about the planned Oak Woodland and to provide input at a public meeting.

When: 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2012

Where: Van de Kamp Hall at Descanso Gardens
1418 Descanso Drive
La Cañada Flintridge 91011

Information: www.descansogardens.org or (818) 949-4200

The coast live oak (*Quercus agrifolia*) is the dominant plant species growing at Descanso Gardens. This iconic tree provides food and habitat for hundreds of species of mammals, birds and insects, as well as defines the character of the landscape.

The Descanso Oak Woodland will be located on a 4-acre parcel that lies west of the lake in an area that is currently closed to the public. This landscape, once planted heavily with eucalyptus (a non-native species) is experiencing a natural regeneration of oak seedlings. The Oak Woodland will include many of these seedlings and plantings of various native oak species. Visitors can explore this garden on winding paths that border woodland, meadow and chaparral created with native plants.

The meeting will be conducted by MIG, a planning and design firm, and is free to the public.

Descanso Gardens will also host an informative walk of the proposed Woodland location at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. The walk is free with Gardens admission.

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